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Re: KUCC Presentation on Draft Bingham Canyon Waste Dumping & Reclamation Proposal, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC), Bingham Canyon Mine, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Williams:

On September 4, 2002, Rich Borden of KUCC gave a presentation to Division staff describing a draft proposal for reengineering the design of the lower Bingham Canyon waste rock dump to create a more stable profile that would be more conducive to successful reclamation and revegetation efforts.

The key points to the proposed plan included the following:

1. design of the dump to tie in with undisturbed ridges on either side of the canyon and to avoid waste rock placement in previously unimpacted drainages;
2. stair-stepping of the outer dump face in the lower canyon;
3. recontouring to a 2.75:1 slope, capping with a growth media and planting of the outer dump face shortly after waste rock placement is completed on the slope; and
4. timely placement of key water management structures associated with the Dry Fork groundwater contamination area including extraction wells, monitor wells and piping to convey clean water from upper Dry Fork Canyon around the waste rock dump.

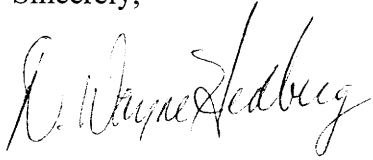
We understand that this is a draft proposal that still must be approved and funded by KUCC's parent corporation (RTZ). We offer this letter in support of this proposal and encourage KUCC to continue to work closely and cooperatively with the Division and

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other pertinent regulatory agencies to find creative and workable reclamation solutions to the reclamation challenges we share.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft proposal and to provide comment. We appreciate KUCC's continued cooperation and commitment to meet these challenges. Please contact me at (801) 538-5306, or Wayne Hedberg at 538-5286, if we can provide further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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